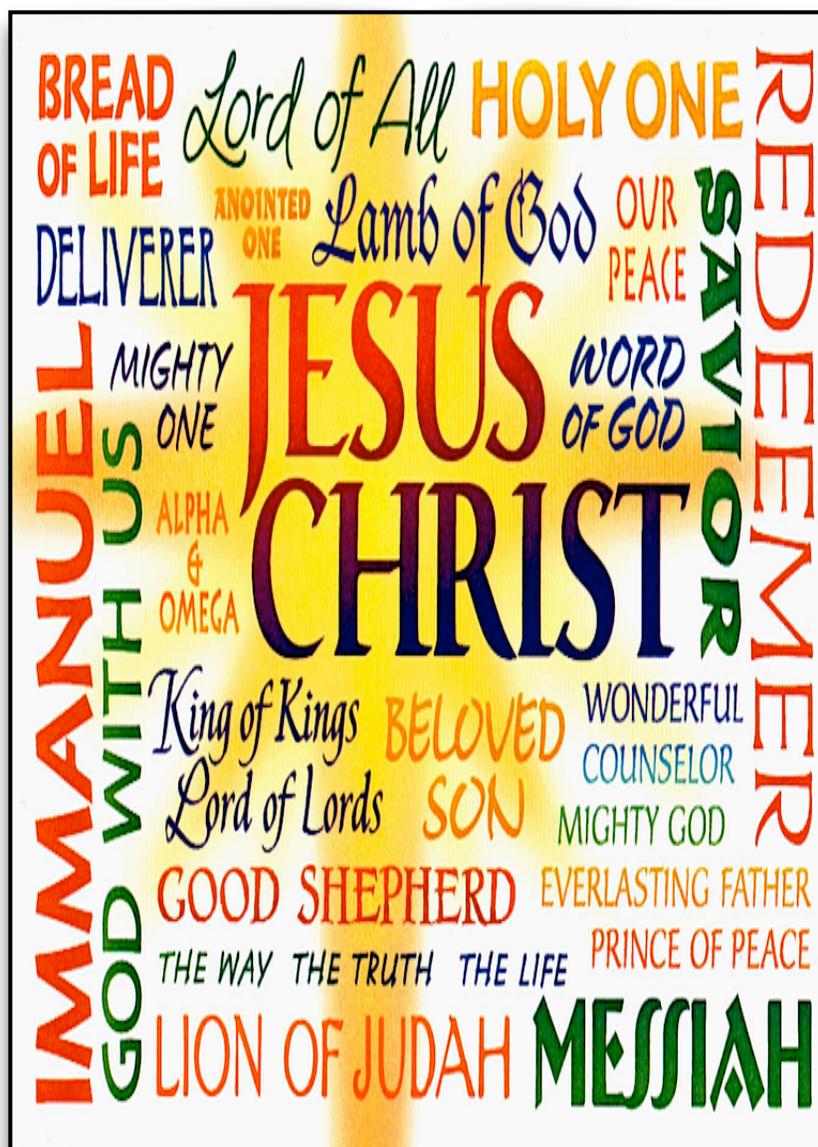


# ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 118 (pew bible, p.544)
- ◆ The Hymns: 645 (1-4), 478, 524, 645 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: 1 John 1:1–2:2, Luke 24:36-49

### **Sermon Text – Acts 4:8-12**

#### ***THE POWERFUL NAME OF JESUS***

1. A Name often rejected.
2. A Name chosen by God.
3. The only Name that saves.

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (645, stanza 5)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by  
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by  
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.  
There will be no offering collection during the service.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### First Lesson – 1 John 1:1–2:2

1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

### Easter Acclamation

- P** The Lord is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
**P** Thus it is written, that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,  
**C** And that repentance and forgiveness of sins be proclaimed in His name to all nations.  
**P** I am always aware of the Lord's presence.  
**C** He is near and nothing can shake my hope.  
**P** The stone that was rejected by the builders  
**C** Has become the cornerstone.  
**P** The Lord has turned my sadness into a joyful dance.  
**C** The Lord has taken away sorrow and surrounded me with joy.  
**P** He is near, and nothing can shake my hope.  
**C** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!  
**P** Blessing and honor and glory and might be to the One who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever!  
**C** The Lord is risen indeed!

## Second Lesson – Luke 24:36-49

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” 40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. 44 He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

## Sermon Text – Acts 4:8-12

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the *“stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.”* 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” [NKJV]

**A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS.** We're glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to come worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

**SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler; Usher: Ed Chiappetti

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today (4/18)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (Jesus Appears, NT 43)
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting
	10:45 am	Bible Class (meet in Sunday School classroom)
Tue	9:30 am	Pastoral Study Conference at Lakewood
Sat	8:00 am	Spring Clean-Up Day, till noon
Sun (4/25)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (The Ascension, NT 44)
	10:45 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Elders' Meeting: Sun, May 2, 8:30 am  
West Central Delegate Conf, Valentine NE, Tue-Thu, May 25-27  
CLC Convention, Eau Claire WI, Thu-Sun, June 24-27

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Willa Mae Janssen who suffered injuries recently in a fall near her home. We pray the Lord to grant her healing according to His gracious will.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP:** Please mark your calendar for the work day this Saturday, April 24, here at St. Paul. There are a number of clean-up projects to complete (raking, bagging of leaves etc). If you would like a project to do on your own schedule, please speak with Board of Trustee member, Mike Sprengeler. The weather forecast for next weekend calls for milder temperatures (in the 60's) so the conditions should be favorable for our clean-up day.

## SYNOD NEWS & NOTES

- **Copies of the CLC Foreign Missions Prayer List for April** (provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann) may be found on the shelf under the tract rack. Help yourself. *“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18).*
- **Calls:** Eric Libby accepted the call from Immanuel, Mankato, MN to the Assistant Principal/Counselor position. <> Mr. Kevin Schrader, Austin, TX has accepted the call issued by Immanuel, Mankato, to teach high school math and science. <> Debra Mayhew accepted the one year call to teach K-8 at Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN for the 2021-2022 school year. <> Jessica Krueger accepted the call by Faith, Markesan, WI to be upper grade teacher. Jessica is a member of Faith who is presently teaching in the public school.
- **The Call Committee for ILC Graduates** extended the following calls to the upcoming graduates. Pastoral Call: Drew Naumann to Trinity, Spokane, WA. Teacher Calls: Ben Hansen to St. John’s, Okabena, MN. Kathleen Naumann to Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL.
- **Financial Aid Applications:** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary has a financial aid program that helps students to attend by assisting with loans, multi-student grants, college and seminary grants, scholarships, and work study. While the scholarships are automatically applied based upon academic performance, these other items are provided upon application made by the responsible party. In order to be as helpful and as equitable to all, these forms need to be submitted by the deadline which is May 1, 2021, for the 2021-22 academic year. If any potential student is giving interest in attending Immanuel, applying now ensures that you will be considered for financial assistance. While applications have already been provided to the families of current students, you may still find them at [ilc.edu/resources/](http://ilc.edu/resources/) under the heading “Financial Assistance Forms & Info.” (from ILC Board of Regents chairman, Pastor John Hein)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**  
**APRIL 5-10**

**Mon Acts 4:5-12** In slouched the jackals and hyenas, wary of an ambush (5-7); God doesn't ambush but helps the helpless get on their feet (8-9). The word on the street: "Jesus has done the miracle of healing the lame man, Jesus is none other than heaven's provider of salvation, and you have put yourselves in mortal jeopardy by rejecting and murdering Him. Jesus alone provides access to the throne of grace, so you need to reset your compass!" Note: Every word is important, so that's how we read God's Word.

**Tues Luke 24:36-49** The last time the disciples had laid eyes on Jesus, He was a bloody corpse (so it's understandable that they were spooked), but after He calmed them down (36-38), He provided impressive proof that He was their old Friend, alive and well – and hungry (39-43). What did it all mean? Jesus explained that since He had fulfilled His mission on Earth, His disciples were prepared to share His victory with their friends, relatives, etc. (47-49).

**Wed 1 John 1:1-2:2** Jesus used John's ears, eyes, hands, and heart to get him prepared to publicize all that Jesus had entrusted to him: the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth (1:1-5). That starts, of course, with the truth about our unholy selves (8), which God counters with the truth about holy Jesus, the divine solution for humanity's sins (2:1-2).

**Thurs Psalm 118** We join the psalmist's hour of worship (1-4), confident that the Lord can handle all humanity (5-14) and our own limitations (15-18). We share his Christian confession (19-20), recognizing Jesus in vv. 22-24, and close with our prayer and praises. *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!*

**Fri Matthew 28:11-15** Some of those soldiers who had been floored by the angel (v.4) stumbled into town to report *all the things that had happened* in the early morning out at the cemetery. They knew the truth, but the ruling Sanhedrin bribed them to bear false witness against the disciples and against the Easter angel, too. Doing so put the soldiers into jeopardy, of course, but the Sanhedrin had money to solve that problem. How tragic that people will believe human lies rather than God's Truth about Easter (15)!

**Sat Acts 23:11-35** It seems that Paul needed some cheering up (11), so Jesus obliged just as things were turning nasty. Paul, God's messenger of the Truth, had enemies so rabid that they vowed to kill him before breakfast. Of course, it boomeranged, for Jesus had other plans (12-22). In the protection of federal troops, Paul was ushered out of danger via a two-day trip to the Roman provincial capital, where he was kept safe for a fair trial. [We are left wondering how many Jews broke their oath rather than starve.]